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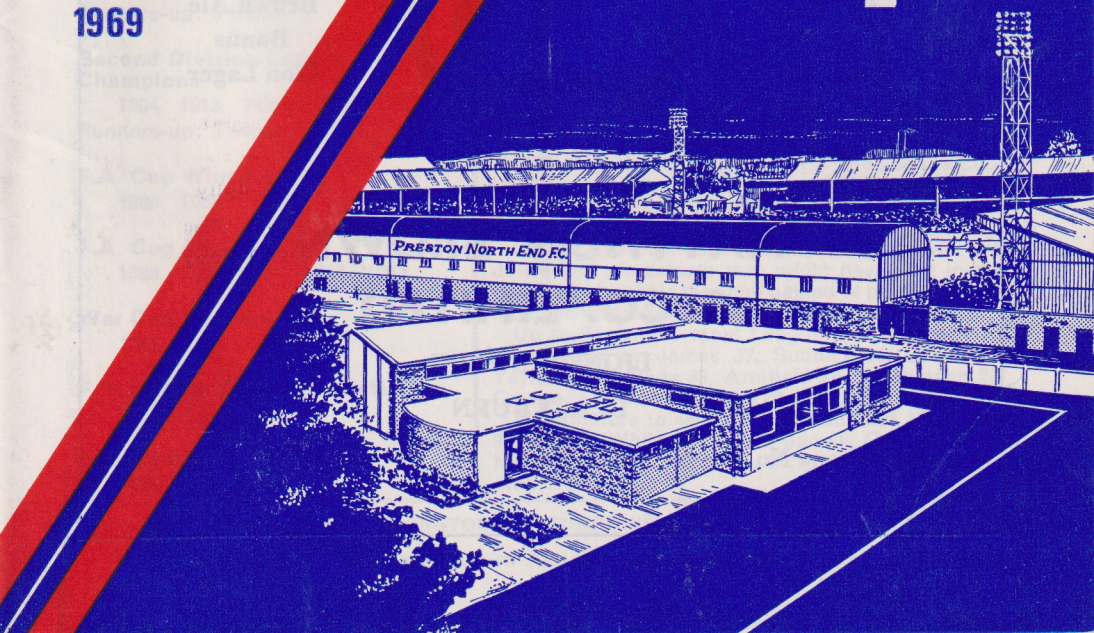

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CLUB NOTES

WHAT COULD have been an anxious Easter for North End, with our first two games away from home, as are the last two matches of the season, was averted by a decisive win against Bury. Ray Parry manfully tried to inspire a second half revival, but his side finished well beaten through two late goals.

It was the first time North End had scored three goals in a League match since defeating Birmingham by 4-1 on August 31st. The opening goal was similar to several which have cost us precious points in recent matches, with the difference that it was Bury who slipped up this time, Ken Knighton scoring early with a long range diagonal free kick.

Alan Kelly suffered a knee injury when Jones collided with him as he was making a difficult save from Kerr, but he pluckily carried on, Ross taking the goalkicks, and made a number of good saves.

In Bury's goal John Forrest kept out a fine shot by Alan Spavin that deserved to score, but was beaten in the last 10 minutes by Gerry Ingram, with a quick short range volley, and Frank Lee, whose perseverance finally gained due reward from a good shot.

We are pleased tonight to welcome our Blackpool neighbours and rivals, and hope to avenge the home defeat of last season which was the first of the seaside club's record total of 12 away wins in their great but unavailing bid for promotion at the first attempt. The League record is 14 by Tottenham Hotspur when they gained 33 away points in 1960-61.

It will be readily remembered that Blackpool won match after match in a last supreme effort, finally to concede second place on goal average to Q.P.R.

The rivals were both away on the last day, but though Blackpool won (by 3-1 at Huddersfield) so did the London club. They finished with these figures:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A	Pts
Queen's Park..	42	25	8	9	67	36	58
Blackpool	42	24	10	8	71	43	58

Blackpool, through being inconsistent, have not fared as well this season. Following is their record to Easter, with comparative figures for 1967-68:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
This season ..	37	12	13	12	48	39	37
Last season ..	37	19	10	8	59	39	48

Away from home their record for 19 matches this season was five wins, six draws and eight defeats by 18 goals to 20, for 16 points. They beat Aston Villa 1-0, Millwall 2-1, Norwich 1-0, Crystal Palace 2-1 and, on Saturday week, Bolton Wanderers 4-1; and drew at Derby, Oxford, Blackburn, Charlton, Hull and Bristol, all good performances.

Blackpool also had a good run in The League Cup, knocking out Wrexham, Manchester City and Wolves, before capitulating by 1-5 at Highbury. In the F.A. Cup they lost 1-3 at Coventry in the third round.

But for an autumn slump comprising one win, two draws and six defeats they might have kept in the promotion hunt for they had gained 14 points from 10 matches when first beaten on September 28th.

Up to Easter the most League appearances had been made by James 37, Suddick 36, Green 35, Taylor 34, McPhee 33, Armfield 29, Hutchinson 28, Craven 24, Brown 23, White 20, Milne 18 and Rowe 14.

Contributors to 48 goals were Suddick 10, Brown 8, Rowe 6, White 5, Craven, James, Green 4 each, Milne, Hutchinson 2 each, McPhee, Alcock, Johnston 1 each.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

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Date	Match	Kick off
Wednesday, 9th April ..	West Lancashire League Final	7-30 p.m.
Saturday, 12th April ..	Crystal Palace First Team	3-0 p.m.
Monday, 14th April ..	Preston and District League Finals ..	6-0 p.m.
Tuesday, 15th April ..	Churches League Finals	6-0 p.m.
Wednesday, 16th April ..	Catholic League Finals	6-0 p.m.
Thursday, 17th April ..	Police Final	7-30 p.m.
Saturday, 19th April ..	Huddersfield Town Reserves..	3-0 p.m.
Monday, 21st April ..	Schoolboy Finals	6-20 p.m.
Tuesday, 22nd April ..	Schoolboy Finals	6-20 p.m.
Wednesday, 23rd April ..	L.F.A. Junior Cup Final	7-30 p.m.
Thursday, 24th April ..	Lancashire Evening Post Final	6-0 p.m.

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

ALL WHO ARE concerned over North End's welfare—and many thousands of supporters are, despite what may be heard to the contrary—must have been pleased by the team's timely victory over Bury in the last home match.

It meant that we were able to go into a fairly stiff Easter programme, starting with two away games, in a less anxious frame of mind. This win against Bury was our second double this season, the other being against Aston Villa.

Next Saturday's home game with Crystal Palace provides an opportunity for a third.

The defeat of Bury meant two welcome points, and it was good to see the goals coming after being so scarce. The game was not a classic by any stretch of imagination, but this was mainly due to the fact that both teams were too tense to play relaxed football. There was probably a similar struggle at Fulham where Oxford won 1-0.

These two results were presumed to have made North End safe, thanks to the difference in points and goal average, but in football no team is safe until the table says so. My feelings after the Bury match were naturally of relief, together with a desire to see the urge to press on and make the difference so much the wider in the six remaining matches.

People were saying they had not seen a lot of Bobby Collins, who had been recalled for Bury's previous test with Blackpool. I saw this game, and Bobby certainly made a match-winning contribution. The reason he was less conspicuous against North End was that Ken Knighton, playing in his best position, put him out of the game. His performance was the more creditable because he got a knock on the head in the first half. As a result of it his vision was blurred at times.

Ken is not easily put off and is one of those players who take pride in being good club men, the sort who are willing to have a go at whatever is required of them. He had not missed a first team match up to Easter. Another is Jim McNab who does a good job in any position.

The fans see George Ross, too, as a wholehearted player. He is a good type of club servant. I take this opportunity of congratulating him on his 300th League appearance for North End while still a comparatively young player to have so many games to his credit.

A few words of praise, in conclusion, for the Reserves. They had been through a thin time, with only one win in eight matches, until visiting Manchester United, second club from the top. They then had the pleasure of completing a double with a 2-1 success.

Phil Woods, a 17-year-old Irish lad recently signed as a professional, shaped very well in his first game, as did another youngster of the same age, Bill Murray, at right half.

Two other good away performances by the Reserves were our wins at Leeds and Wolverhampton. Altogether we have gained 10 points from 15 away games, and conceded only 19 goals, with never more than two scored against us in one game, which says something for the spirit of these lads.

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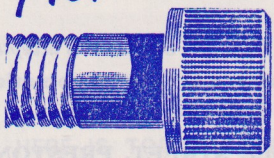

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All in a Day's Work

Happy Memories for Walter Crook

OUR VISITORS

WE OFFER the warmest of welcomes to our old friends from Blackpool, who have been attractive visitors so many times in recent years and popular since their first visit in November, 1901, both clubs being in Division Two. Blackpool drew on that occasion, but lost the next five games preceding our return to the First Division, and were also beaten twice in each of the two pre-1914 seasons when North End were relegated and gained promotion at the first attempt.

Between the wars results were much more even. Blackpool lost six times in eight visits to Deepdale, and we were beaten six times in eight games at Bloomfield Road. Twelve of them were Second Division games which produced no fewer than 63 goals. In March, 1926, all North End's forwards, Gillespie, Russell, Jackson, James and Harrison scored in a 6-4 thriller. This was after the departure of Harry Bedford and Georgie Mee to Derby and "Taffy" Jones to Blackburn Rovers.

Four seasons later the Seasiders more than set this straight with a 6-4 win at Deepdale, Jim Hampson getting three, and then beating us by 5-1 at home. This was the season (1929-30) when Blackpool first got into Division One and Hampson scored 45 goals in 41 League games.

Two other high scoring matches were on the last day of season 1947-48, (7-0 for Blackpool and our heaviest home defeat — Jim McIntosh, who had returned to his first club from Deepdale, scored five — and in 1955-56 when we won 6-2 at Blackpool, Finney, Thompson, Hatsell, Baxter and Morrison scoring. Dennis Hatsell got two but took a long time to recover from a bad injury.

Since the war North End have had the better of the argument, with 16 points from 14 home games and 17 from 15 away games, the full record being: P27, W17, D4, L6, Goals 58-44, Points 38.

During this period Blackpool earned a national reputation as an outstanding side with such noted players as "Jock" Dodds, Allan Brown, Harry Johnston, Stan Matthews, Ron Suart, Stan Mortensen, George Farm, Tom Garrett, Ernie Taylor, Bill Perry, Jackie Mudie, Eric Hayward, Hugh Kelly, and Jimmy Armfield.

Their first three-season spell in Division One was disastrous. Promoted as Champions they conceded a record 125 goals and after twice narrowly avoiding relegation, went down. Next time they stayed from 1937 until relegated two years ago with only 21 points and a solitary home win in 21 games, 15 of which they lost. But they had their years of glory in between, often with a high place in the First Division, three Cup Final appearances and, in 1953, the winners.

Pen Pictures

Kevin THOMAS (*goalkeeper*). Useful recruit from Prescot, his birthplace. Three League matches last season. Recently got into the first team again after Alan Taylor had played regularly.

Jim ARMFIELD (*right back*). Former England captain who has just completed 500 League appearances for his only club, starting on Boxing Day, 1954. Chosen for Lancashire schoolboys when a rugby player. Joined Blackpool 1952-3 as amateur from local club. First capped 1959 after various honours. Finally just beat Bob Crompton's full back record of 42 games. Born Manchester.

Bill BENTLEY (*left back*). Newcomer in February, when signed from Stoke City who developed him through their junior teams. Played in 30 League games last season. Born Longton, Staffs.

Terry ALCOCK (*right half*). Another native of the Potteries (born Hanley). Had good record with Port Vale when transferred in July, 1967. Challenging for first team place at half back.

Glyn JAMES (*centre half*). Born Llangollen and several times capped after gaining U-23 honours. When experimented with as a forward scored three goals. Signed by Blackpool 1957 when a boy.

John McPHEE (*left half*). On way to 250th League appearance, thanks to consistently sound service and versatility since signing from Motherwell, July, 1962, when a star in home town team.

Ronnie BROWN (*outside right*). Skilful on the wing or at inside forward and a good shot. Belongs to Sunderland and looked a good young prospect when signed from Whitley Bay, November, 1965.

Tony GREEN (*inside right*). Stan Mortensen's best signing, has captured much attention by his fine ball control and passing. Cost only £12,000 when Albion Rovers parted with him in April, 1967. Born Glasgow 21 years ago. Clearly earmarked for Scottish honours in the near future.

Graham ROWE (*centre forward*). Blackpool's tallest player at 6ft. 2ins., though not the heaviest despite his matching build. Born Southport and has progressed from apprentice ranking.

John CRAVEN (*inside left*). Another local who has made good, hails from St. Annes. Played strong part in last season's promotion bid. Forceful and wholehearted. Usually seen at wing half.

Alan SUDDICK (*outside left*). Born Chester-le-Street, was a Newcastle favourite when signed by Blackpool two years ago as an Under-23 international for £60,000. Frequently a scorer.

Tommy WHITE (*centre forward*). A bustling Scot transferred from Crystal Palace 12 months ago.

Gordon MILNE (*wing half*). Preston-born former North Ender, joined Blackpool last season with 233 League games for Liverpool and 14 England caps to his credit. League debut September, 1956.

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BLACKPOOL

A Farewell Focus

on WALTER CROOK

FAREWELLS are always occasions for regret, especially when the one departing has become so attached that he feels the wrench more than the many who wish him well. Such a man is Walter Crook who was saturated with love of football when devotion passed for what is known as dedication to-day.

The fans are familiar with a good runner across the pitch when a North Ender is hurt, and maybe remark upon a trainer wearing horn-rimmed specs. Players in two decades have appreciated his efforts to keep them fit. Older players remember him as a first-class full back good enough for England although it was only in the war years that he found favour three times.

His three League clubs—Blackburn Rovers and Bolton Wanderers when a player and North End, first as assistant to Jim Milne from August, 1955, then chief trainer, 1961 until now — knew him as a man who always gave of his best, with time no matter, because his heart was in the game.

This season is his last. Long lasting injuries have impaired his fitness and 35 years have passed since he was a bright 21-year-old prospect with Blackburn Rovers in the early 1930's. He is ready for the retirement he wants and has earned, and, having known him for more than 30 years, I add my good wishes to the many he will receive for his future happiness with Mrs. Crook away from football.

They are to start their new life with a holiday taken in Switzerland, Austria and Holland — a special reason here for renewing acquaintance with Amsterdam, for Mr. Crook, from 1948 until he joined the Deepdale staff, coached the famous Dutch First Division club "Ajax."

He retires with happy memories of many brilliant North End players whose names — Finney, Baxter, Else, Docherty, Cunningham, Walton, Morrison, O'Farrell, Tommy Thompson, Gordon Milne, Spavin, Peter Thompson, Ross and Wilson — are as familiar as local landmarks.

The easiest to train? T.F., of course. "He didn't need any training," says Walter, "It just came naturally to him. What a player! And what a hammering he took without moaning! Jimmy Baxter, too. There wasn't much of him, but he had skill and pluck in a role which didn't catch the limelight."

His own career? Rovers found him in the local Thursday League, signed him as a youth, and he captained their 1938-9 Division Two Championship side. A knee injury put him out of the game for four seasons. He resumed as captain of Bolton but after one season had to retire owing to a damaged ankle.

Walter, at the moment, is nostalgic. "I shall miss the company," he says "being with the lads. They become a big part of your life. So does the team . . . ." **W.P.**

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts	Gain	Loss	Attendances 1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1-2	0-5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	H	1-1	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1-0	3-1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	A	1-0	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0-1	0-2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0-0	3-1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4-1	0-0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	A	1-3	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1-0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1-1	4-1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1-1	1-4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2-1	0-2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1-3	1-0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2-2	0-2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1	3-5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1-1	1-2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0-1	2-1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1-0	3-2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0-0	0-2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1-0	0-1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1-0	0-1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0-4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0-0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1-4	1-1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1-2	–	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	0-0	1-1	1	—	5,223	12,648	17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	1-1	1-1	1	1,894	—	15,976	14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	0-1	1-0	0	969	—	21,224	20,255
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup (3) Nottingham Forest**	H	3-0	–	–	—	—	20,008	—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	1-0	2-1	2	—	1,791	15,252	17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	H	0-0	1-3	–	—	—	31,875	—
,, 29	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea** (aban.)	A	0-2	–	–	—	—	44,239	—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	1-2	1-4	0	—	2,516	13,419	16,935
,, 3	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	A	1-2	–	–	—	—	36,522	—
,, 22	Oxford United	H	2-1	–	2	—	—	10,305	—
,, 26	Fulham (post., Jan. 11th, Feb. 19th)	A	1-2	–	0	—	—	11,726	—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	1-2	0-0	0	—	2,709	12,520	15,229
,, 3	Millwall (postponed Dec. 28th)	H	0-1	0-1	0		560	10,885	11,445
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	1-1	1-1	1	—	553	10,281	10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	0-1	3-0	0	—	2,983	10,752	13,735
,, 17	Sheffield Utd. (postponed Feb. 8th)	H	2-2	–	1	—	—	8,224	—
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	1-3	0-3	0	—	5,644	22,020	27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	3-0	–	2	—	—	9,467	—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3-1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1-4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0-2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0-0					13,313
,, 16	Bolton W. (postponed Feb. 15th)	A	–	0-0					14,664
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0-0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3 2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1-1
,, 20	Everton	A	1-1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3-1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0-1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1-2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2-0
,, 16	Everton	H	0-1
,, 21	Bury	H	3-1
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-1
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1-0
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0-0
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0-1
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0-5
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-2
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2-2
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1-0
,, 23	Manchester City	H	2-1
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	2-2
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	3-0
1968			
Dec. 21	Blackpool	H	0-2
1969			
Jan. 4	Huddersfield Town	A	0-2
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	1-0
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	1-1
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	2-3
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	1-2
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	0-2
,, 10	Sheffield United	H	0-1
,, 14	Coventry City	A	0-2
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	2-0
,, 24	Burnley	H	0-2
,, 29	Manchester United	A	2-1
,, 31	Stoke City	H	0-1
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	
,, 8	Stoke City	A	
,, 12	Bury	A	
,, 16	Blackburn Rovers	A	
,, 18	Manchester City	A	
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	
,, 21	Liverpool	A	
—	Derby County	A	

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

(NOT INCLUDING EASTER GAMES)

Football League, Division II — P36, W10, D12, L14, Goals: F35, A42 Pts.32

F.A. Cup		G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
4	Alan KELLY	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
	Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
4	George ROSS	—	31	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33
	John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
	Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4	Alec SPARK	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
1	Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	29
3	Bill CRANSTON	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
4	Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	4	—	—	20	—	5	—	7	—	36
3	Jim McNAB	—	—	10	13	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	30
4	Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	13
	David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	1	17
	David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
	Norman LLOYD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
2	Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	21	—	1	—	28
3	Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	26	—	—	31
3	Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	20	—	30
	George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
1	Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	5	12
4	Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	8	19
4	Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	22
	Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 14; Ingram 6; Knighton 4; Lee 4; Gemmill 2; Spark, Spavin, Temple, McNab, Wilson, 1 each —Total 35. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3. F.A. Cup scorers—Irvine 2 (1 pen.), Temple, Ingram—Total 4.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 31st March)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	36	20	11	5	48	30	51
Crystal Palace	36	19	9	8	62	43	47
Middlesbrough	37	19	9	9	55	41	47
Cardiff City	38	19	7	12	64	47	45
Millwall	37	17	8	12	57	44	42
Charlton Athletic	36	15	12	9	51	50	42
Sheffield United	37	15	9	13	56	46	39
Carlisle United	37	14	10	13	42	42	38
Blackpool	37	12	13	12	48	39	37
Huddersfield Town	35	14	9	12	45	43	37
Birmingham City	36	14	7	15	63	55	35
Hull City	36	10	15	11	50	48	35
Portsmouth	37	10	14	13	47	46	34
Blackburn Rovers	33	12	10	11	41	41	34
Bristol City	37	9	15	13	42	46	33
Aston Villa	37	10	13	14	34	45	33
Norwich City	35	12	8	15	43	44	32
Preston North End	36	10	12	14	35	42	32
Bolton Wanderers	36	9	12	15	48	59	30
Oxford United	37	9	9	19	30	51	27
Bury	36	9	7	20	42	69	25
Fulham	36	7	8	20	36	68	23

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 31st March)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Liverpool	38	26	7	5	73	22	59
Manchester United	32	19	7	7	59	35	45
West Bromwich A.	34	17	8	9	56	33	42
Wolverhampton W.	36	16	9	11	54	51	41
Manchester City	34	19	2	13	53	41	40
Newcastle United	31	16	7	8	46	33	39
Nottingham Forest	35	14	11	10	58	48	39
Everton	34	17	5	12	40	40	39
Burnley	36	12	12	12	52	50	36
Stoke City	34	14	7	13	40	32	35
Huddersfield Town	35	16	3	16	59	69	35
Bury	32	14	6	13	51	50	34
Sheffield Wednesday	33	12	7	14	38	40	31
Leeds United	38	10	11	17	37	55	31
Sheffield United	34	10	9	15	54	46	29
Preston North End	34	11	7	16	36	44	29
Bolton Wanderers	35	11	6	18	44	67	28
Derby County	33	7	12	14	30	40	26
Blackpool	37	8	9	20	56	80	25
Aston Villa	30	8	9	13	34	54	25
Blackburn Rovers	35	9	7	19	46	63	25
Coventry City	34	8	7	19	34	58	23

Football League
LEADING HOT SHOTS

	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Division I					
Greaves (Spurs)	22	5	4	–	31
Hurst (West Ham) ..	24	4	2	–	30
Law (Man. Utd.)	13	–	7	9	29
Royle (Everton)	21	3	4	–	28
Curran (Wolves) .. (*17 Lge, 5 FLC for Norwich*)	20	5	–	–	25
Division II					
Toshack (Cardiff) ..	21	–	–	2	23
IRVINE (Preston) ..	14	3	2	–	19
Crawford (Charlton) (*16 Lge, 1 FAC for Ipswich*)	18	1	–	–	19
Galley (Bristol City)	15	2	1	–	18
Hector (Derby)	14	4	–	–	18
Hickton (M'brough)	18	–	–	–	18

	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Division III					
Rogers (Swindon)	16	7	1	–	24
Dawson (Brighton) (*7 for Bury*)	22	–	–	–	22
Atkins (Stockport) ..	18	–	2	–	20
Andrews (Southport)	16	2	1	–	19
Noble (Swindon) ..	15	4	–	–	19
Division IV					
Best (Southend)....	14	1	10	–	25
Talbot (Chester)....	20	1	1	–	22
Hall (P'borough)....	16	4	–	–	20
Buck (Rochdale).... (*12 Lge, 1 FAC for Newport*)	17	–	1	–	18
Howarth (Aldershot)	17	–	1	–	18

BLACKPOOL QUIZ

1—BLACKPOOL F.C. originated from (a) a club, (b) a church?

2—WHAT unique League record is held by Blackpool?

3—BLACKPOOL were F.A. Cup Finalists three times in how many years?

4—WHO was Blackpool's leading scorer last season?

5—WHAT F.A. Cup feats and other scoring achievements pleased Stan Mortensen the most?

6—WHICH clubs did Morty assist after leading Blackpool?

7—WHAT is Blackpool's highest position in League football — and their lowest?

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

STAN MORTENSEN
(Blackpool's Manager)

THOUGH he was born on Tyneside, STAN MORTENSEN has only one home — BLACKPOOL. He spent the twilight of his playing career with other clubs, but he never moved home and he refused offers to stay in the game simply because he didn't want to tear up his roots. When he was offered the managership of Blackpool in February, 1967, he was thrilled at the challenge.

"I'm not only football daft, I'm Blackpool daft," Stan admitted. "Ever since I was transferred to Hull City I had been waiting a chance to serve Blackpool again in some capacity."

Mortensen's football career was almost cut short in its infancy when he was in a war-time bomber crash. For years afterwards he suffered headaches and sleepless nights but the fans never knew. "Morty" played in three war-time internationals for England and scored 23 goals in 25 full internationals after the war.

He led Blackpool's scorers in each of the six immediate post-war seasons and totalled 197 goals in 297 games for the Bloomfield Road club. He scored in every round of the 1947/48 F.A. Cup competition and played in three finals, notching a hat-trick in Blackpool's 4-3 success over Bolton in 1953.

It was a sad day for him, in 1955, when the time came for him to leave Bloomfield Road. He signed for Hull City, then went to Southport before going out of the League with Bath City and Lancaster. Then he opened his sports shop close to Blackpool's ground and that was the last football saw of him, apart from a few charity games, until Blackpool called him back in February, 1967.

Man in the Middle

DANNY LYDEN (Birmingham)

DANNY LYDEN played for Walsall and Bradford City as an amateur and spent four years with Yorkshire Amateurs. He took up refereeing at the age of 28 when he finished playing and worked his way up to the Football League referees list in 1963, through the Birmingham Works F.A. and the West Midlands Regional League.

He has refereed every club in the League except Bolton and Portsmouth and took charge of the Wales v. Scotland youth international in 1963/64. Much of his spare time is devoted to helping junior players.

Employed in the service and spares department of a large machine tool company in Birmingham, Mr. Lyden is married with a son and daughter.

With the Juniors

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

up to and including Tuesday, 25th March, 1969

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Morecambe Res.	23	17	4	2	70	31	38
Liverpool "A"	25	15	7	3	54	17	37
Manchester C. "A"	23	14	3	6	48	30	31
Manchester U. "A"	21	11	6	4	42	26	28
Preston N.E. "A" ..	23	9	9	5	35	33	27
Crewe Alex. Res.	23	10	5	8	40	33	25
Everton "A".....	21	11	2	8	33	28	24
Blackpool "A"	24	10	3	11	37	34	23
Tranmere R. "A"	21	7	4	10	28	32	18
Rochdale Res.....	22	6	5	11	40	48	17
Bury "A"	21	5	5	11	38	54	15
Burnley "A".....	21	4	6	11	27	40	14
Bolton W. "A"	23	5	4	14	22	62	14
Fleetwood Res.	20	3	5	12	14	41	11
Southport Res.	19	3	2	14	24	43	8

DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Blackburn R. "B"	16	10	4	2	40	14	24
Liverpool "B"	15	9	3	3	40	14	21
Manchester C. "B" ..	16	10	1	5	46	27	21
Manchester U. "B" ..	15	8	4	3	34	16	20
Oldham Athletic "A"	15	8	2	5	27	18	18
Everton "B".....	16	8	2	6	29	24	18
Burnley "B".....	16	5	3	8	24	35	13
Stockport C. "A"	11	5	2	4	17	14	12
Tranmere R. "B"	14	3	2	9	12	35	8
Preston N. E. "B" ..	15	3	1	11	16	43	7
Bolton W. "B"	15	3	1	11	16	47	7
Bury "B"	10	2	1	7	13	27	5

NORTH END "A" have had a particularly good season in the League and have also reached the semi-finals of the Knock-out Cup. They played Blackpool "A" on a "home" and "away" basis during the Easter Holiday period. The results of these games will be announced tonight.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1—(b); It was founded 1887 as Blackpool St. John's; amalgamated with South Shore 1899.
2—Long sequences in the two premier Divisions — 26 seasons in the Second Division from 1900; 23 in the First Division from 1937.
3—Six. They were at Wembley 1948 (lost), 1951 (lost), 1953 (won — defeating Bolton Wanderers by 4-3).
4—North End forward Gerry Ingram, with 18 in 30 League games.
5—Scoring in every F.A. Cup round 1947-48, when Blackpool lost at Wembley, and a hat trick in the 1953 Final which his team won; 23 goals in his 25 England games; and being Blackpool's leading scorer in six successive seasons.
6—Hull City, Southport, Bath and Lancaster.
7—Runners-up in Division One 1955-56; bottom of Division Two 1908-09, 1912-13.

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